

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

Minutes of the June 19, 2018 Meeting

- I. The meeting was held at Winchester Hall, and called to order by Chair Mari Lee. An invitation was extended to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The following members were present: Mari Lee, Annette Breiling, David Kaye, Adam Book, Irene Packer Halsey, Christine Isleib, Roger Sobkowiak, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Lee Whisner and Nicola van Kuilenburg. Jet Reid, FCPS Liaison and Captain Patrick Grossman from FPD were present. HRC applicant Paula Glascoe and visitor Amanda Fleet were also present.
- III. The minutes from the May 2018 HRC meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Irene Packer Halsey and a second by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye.
- IV. The slate of HRC officers recommended by the Nominating Committee was presented: Chair - Mari Lee, Vice Chair - Lisa Clark, Treasurer -Annette Breiling, Parliamentarian - David Kaye and Member at Large - Lee Whisner. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Marguerite Vacca Kaye to accept the slate as presented and the second was made by Chris Isleib. The vote was unanimous in favor of the presented slate.

V. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

Mari Lee gave an overview of the Executive Committee meeting. The two letters that were being prepared were sent to the Frederick County Board of Education, but a response has not yet been received.

Treasurer Annette Breiling reported that the funds available to the HRC are \$3,487.88.

b. Standing Committees

CRC – Marguerite Vacca-Kaye reported that the committee had a conference call last week about upcoming public forums, and decided that Part 2 of the Conversations on Race would be Stereotypes within Races and Ethnicity. They are meeting later this week to finalize details.

GRC – Adam Book reported that the GRC had completed work on the letters that were sent to the Board of Education by Mari Lee.

IRC – David Kaye reported that he gave a presentation on Fair Housing at the June Bloom event last Saturday. He only had 2 individuals come to his presentation but they were engaged.

- VI. Jet Reid, FCPS liaison, reported that the school year has wrapped up, with today being the final day for teachers. Next month he will have all of the data compiled regarding suspensions for the past 2 years to present to the HRC. He announced that FCPS was celebrating Thomas Brown a teacher at Governor Thomas Johnson who marked a milestone by teaching in the school system for 50 years. Mr. Brown has no intention of retiring anytime soon.
- VII. Miles Ward thanked everyone who participated in the Juneteenth proclamation this morning. He said one of the participants at the event said she was happy she moved to Frederick because people of all races get along here. Miles encouraged everyone to read the letter in today's FNP written by Mr. Willie Mahone regarding the new Convention Center and Hotel.
- VIII. Old Business
The Housing Fair held on June 16 at the ARC was successful. Miles reported that there were 45 booths and good attendance.

Mari Lee spoke about the HRC presentations at upcoming NAC meetings.

A reminder was given to sign up to volunteer time at Frederick Pride on June 23. It is one of the HRC's quarterly days of service.

- IX. New Business
Immigration Celebration Day will take place on Saturday June 30, 2018 from 10 am until 3pm at the Vista Shopping Center, located at 1080 W. Patrick Street in Frederick.

The Latino Festival will take place on Sunday, September 23 at Frederick Indoor Sports Arena, Brookfield Court, Frederick from 12- 5 pm

- X. Members who chose to do so made brief final comments.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned.